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NATIONAL EGG REVIEW

Early week prices were higher on mediums and unchanged to lower on the larger sizes. As the week progressed prices in New York and to producers continued to increase for mediums and remain the same on heavier weights. Elsewhere prices were unchanged. The trade sentiment was barely steady to weak on larger sizes while lighter weights were fully steady to firm. Demand into all channels was light to moderate. Supplies were fully sufficient to available for larger sizes and closely balanced to instance tight for medium and small. Breaking stock prices were mostly lower. Offerings were fully adequate to ample with a light demand. Breakers were bidding lower prices for additional offerings. Schedules were full-time. Trade sentiment was barely steady to weak. Spent hen removal costs were unchanged to slightly lower. Demand was light while offerings remain fully adequate to ample. Schedules were mixed. Trade sentiment was steady. Removal costs were 4.5 to 11 cents, mostly 5 to 10 cents per head.

PRICES TO RETAILERS, SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, USDA GRADE A AND GRADE A, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, DELIVERED WAREHOUSE, CENTS PER DOZEN.

MIDWEST REGIONAL Prices to producers in IA-MN-WI were 2 cents higher for medium and small while unchanged for large. Other reported prices were unchanged. Trade sentiment was barely steady to instances weak for the larger sizes and fully steady to mostly firm for medium and small. Retail demand was light to moderate at best. Food service movement was usually light. Supplies were fully adequate to available for the larger sizes and balanced to tight for the lighter weight eggs. Central States breaking stock prices were unchanged. Offerings were fully adequate to ample for the light demand. Schedules full time. Trade sentiment was barely steady.

RANGE MOSTLY

EXTRA LARGE	52-61	55-58
LARGE	51-60	53-56
MEDIUM	31-40	33-36

MIDWEST AREA: IA, IL, IN, KY, MI, MN, OH, NE, ND, SD, WI, WV, Western NY, and Western PA

NORTHEAST REGIONAL Prices were unchanged, however the larger sizes were trending lower and mediums were trending higher. Trade sentiment was steady to barely steady on the larger sizes but fully steady on mediums. Retail and distributive demand was mostly light to moderate. Supplies were balanced to available for trade needs. Breaking stock offerings were usually fully adequate for the light to moderate demand. Spent hen offerings were at least adequate to readily available for slaughter needs.

RANGE MOSTLY

EXTRA LARGE	60-75	61-62
LARGE	54-68	59-63
MEDIUM	32-45	37-39

NORTHEAST AREA: CT, DC, DE, MA, MD, ME, NH, Eastern NJ, Eastern NY, PA, RI, Northern VA, and VT

COMBINED REGIONAL

Sep 08, 2006

Average prices on sales to volume buyers, Grade A Large or better, White eggs in cartons, delivered warehouse, cents per dozen.

REGIONS	EX LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM
NORTHEAST	66.50	61.00	34.00
SOUTHEAST	66.50	64.50	34.00
MIDWEST	58.50	56.50	30.50
SOUTH CENTRAL	71.50	64.50	37.00
COMBINED REGIONAL	66.01	61.72	34.02

Computed from simple weekly averages weighted by regional area populations.

IOWA-MINNESOTA-WISCONSIN PRICES PAID TO PRODUCERS FOR LOOSE EGGS AT FARM, CASES EXCHANGED, GRADE YIELD BASIS, CENTS PER DOZEN

	09-12-06	09-05-06	09-13-05
Large	33-42	35-44	42-51
Medium	14-20	9-15	21-25

WEEKLY SHELL EGG INVENTORY REPORT- SEPTEMBER 11, 2006

STOCKS ON HAND AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING 1/
(30 DOZEN CASES-IN THOUSANDS)

		NO		SO		5-Area	
		Northeast	CENT	SO	Atl	Pacific	
Jumbo	Curr Wk	6.4	18.5	10.4	11.7	11.7	58.7
	Change	-1.3	1.8	0.8	0.3	-0.5	2%
Ex Lge	Curr Wk	18.3	58.0	13.4	23.4	37.7	150.8
	Change	-7.7	4.6	-1.6	1.8	-1.6	-3%
Large	Curr Wk	25.6	164.8	85.7	98.8	112.6	487.5
	Change	-5.5	-2.1	2.5	-2.3	0.9	-1%
Medium	Curr Wk	9.0	38.8	16.3	20.9	38.5	123.5
	Change	2.0	-3.4	-4.0	1.8	-2.4	-5%
Small	Curr Wk	4.4	5.8	0.9	6.5	5.3	22.9
	Change	-0.1	-2.4	0.6	0.3	-1.4	-12%
Misc	Curr Wk	2.7	47.0	8.1	13.3	6.0	77.1
	Change	0.2	3.0	0.7	0.3	-0.2	5%
Ungraded	Curr Wk	21.5	57.6	19.7	27.0	27.7	153.5
	Change	4.9	-3.1	-6.2	0.9	1.0	-2%
Total	Curr Wk	87.9	390.5	154.5	201.6	239.5	1074.0
	Percent Change	-8%	0%	-4%	2%	-2%	-2%

TOTAL Number of Cases Percent Change Number of Cooperators

Shell Egg	1074.0	-2%	166
Shell Egg Breaking Stock	263.4	6%	35
Total Shell Egg	1337.4	0%	201

1/ Information supplied by a universe of 166 cooperators who normally have stocks on hand each Monday A.M. and is on the basis of matched plants reporting in both the current and previous weeks. This is a representative sample of the U.S. inventory and includes eggs packed for export when in cooperator's coolers.

No valid comparison can be made with year ago or previous months' figures due to changes in number of plants surveyed, holidays falling in different weeks or changes in size of plant operations.

Northeast- CT, DE, MA, MD, ME, NH, NJ, NY, PA, RI, VT
North Central - IA, IL, IN, MI, MN, ND, NE, OH, SD, WI
South Central - AR, CO, KS, LA, MO, NM, OK, TX
South Atlantic - AL, FL, GA, KY, MS, NC, SC, TN, VA, WV
Pacific- AZ, CA, ID, MT, NV, OR, UT, WA, WY

EGGS PROCESSED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION - W/E 09-SEP-06(LBS IN THOUSANDS)
(EXCLUDES INGREDIENTS)

	CASES BROKEN	LIQUID WHOLE	LIQUID WHITE	LIQUID YOLK	DRIED	INED
CW	1,278,334	31,632	11,953	5,964	2,624	4,454
PW	1,318,808	33,261	11,834	6,119	2,654	4,458
LY	1,254,268	29,775	11,770	5,985	2,480	4,087
% Chg PWK	-3%	-5%	1%	-3%	-1%	0%
% Chg LY	2%	6%	2%	0%	6%	9%
2006	46,609,503	1,143,063	436,639	231,601	105,001	157,151
2005	46,976,255	1,105,301	462,180	247,713	105,106	159,007
% Chg YTD	-1%	3%	-6%	-7%	0%	-1%

Average Yield Per Case -	Current Week	Previous Week	Last Year
(Inedible Included)	42.24	42.21	41.15
(Inedible Excluded)	38.76	38.83	37.89

IN-LINE PRODUCTION (of total production; lbs. in thousands;
may include limited amount of off-line source material)

	CASES BROKEN		LIQUID WHOLE	
	Cases	% of Total	Lbs. % of Total	
CURRENT WEEK	599,837	46.9%	16,444	52.0%
PREVIOUS WEEK	593,114	45.0%	16,972	51.0%
LAST YEAR	534,473	42.6%	14,007	47.0%

BROILER HATCHERY

STATE	Broiler Eggs Set in		Broiler Chicks Placed	
	19 Selected States		in 19 Selected States	
	SEP 02	SEP 09	SEP 02	SEP 09
	Thousand			
AL	32,017	30,109	21,308	21,729
AR	29,829	29,573	*23,586	23,883
DE	*3,762	3,831	*5,319	4,855
FL	1,364	1,371	1,449	1,541
GA	*35,696	33,239	*28,440	28,086
KY	*7,252	7,038	*6,430	6,152
LA	3,954	3,771	3,901	3,751
MD	*8,871	8,589	*5,652	5,891
MS	16,990	17,075	15,885	15,792
NC	17,337	17,722	15,421	14,802
OK	*6,342	6,554	5,021	5,056
PA	*4,126	3,931	*2,858	2,897
SC	4,842	4,925	4,342	4,957
TX	*14,978	14,646	*12,537	12,682
VA	6,169	6,185	4,834	4,823
CA, MO, TN, & WV	*17,247	16,725	*16,047	16,306

19 State Total *210,776 205,284 *173,030 173,203

Previous Year Total 210,692 209,112 169,752 172,881

Pct. of Prev. Year 100 98 102 100

* Revised

WEEKLY FRYERS AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING Based on the preliminary chick placements, the number of fryers available for marketing during the week ending 21-Oct-06 is estimated at 159.3 million head. This compares to 159.8 million head the previous week and to 160.7 million head the same week a year ago, when the slaughter was 165.8 million head and the composite weighted average price was 68.81 cents per pound.

TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES - WEEKLY WTD AVG PRICES

(CNTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR 09/07/06-09/13/06

CURRENT LDS 107.50 FUTURE LDS 95.00 TOTAL LDS 202.50

	SE		NE		MW		
CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS
GNR W 1	37.50	—	38.13	40.06	—	—	13.00
GNR W 3	—	—	23.00	25.00	—	—	1.00
GNR BR 1	—	66.00	—	—	—	—	2.00
GL W J	—	—	53.75	55.50	49.00	—	2.50
GL W XL	48.50	45.92	51.00	51.74	39.96	46.53	58.25
GL W LG	—	—	35.13	44.44	36.21	—	43.75
GL W MD	—	33.00	33.00	—	30.13	—	10.00
GL W SM	22.92	25.92	21.00	22.75	20.50	21.88	7.00
GL BR XL	—	—	63.50	—	—	—	1.25
GL BR LG	—	68.00	62.50	—	—	66.50	2.75
GL BR MD	30.00	33.00	—	—	—	—	1.00
NRBS - 48	24.00	25.00	—	29.75	27.02	28.75	75.00
NRBS - 45	—	—	—	—	—	—	4.00
NRBS - 39	—	—	—	—	—	21.00	2.00

MOVEMENT OF EGGS INTO RETAIL CHANNELS W/E 09-SEP-2006

SELECTED	CW	PW	PCT CHG	
CONSUMING CENTERS	THOUSANDS		PW	LY
Atlanta	26.0	28.8	-10	7
Boston	2.9	3.1	-6	-24
Chicago	85.3	75.6	13	6
Detroit	13.9	16.2	-14	-20
Kansas City	5.4	3.8	42	157
Los Angeles	106.0	106.7	-1	-8
New Orleans	5.4	5.5	-2	NA
New York	26.1	27.9	-6	-9
St. Louis	15.2	15.1	1	-30
San Francisco	18.2	18.2	0	-2
Total	304.4	300.9	1	-2
4 Week Moving Avg.	294.3			

LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED W/E 09-SEP-06

	YOUNG		YOUNG	OLD	TOTAL
	HENS	TOMS	BREEDERS		TURKEYS
	-----THOUSANDS-----				
Head	1,875	2,066	6	9	3,956
Avg Wt	16.28	35.67	23.14	27.45	26.44
Last week	1,801	2,664	2	8	4,475
Same wk yr ago	1,682	2,439	7	1	4,129
Avg Wt	15.95	36.37	28.02	40.17	28.04
To-date/2006	68,920	91,399	856	177	161,352
To-date/2005	62,678	92,287	841	144	155,950

NUMBER OF TURKEYS SLTRD IN FEDERALLY INSP PLANTS

Week ending 09-SEP-06

(Preliminary) (Released 1:00 Eastern Time)

—YOUNG TURKEYS—			OLD	TOTAL TURKEYS
THOUSAND	PCT CHG	AVG	BANDED	AVG
HEAD	PW	LIVE WT	THOUSAND	HEAD- LIVE WT
North East	720	-5	24.37	(A) 722 24.37
South Atlantic	515	-28	24.23	(A) 517 24.23
North Central	1,813	-17	30.82	(A) 1,815 30.82
South Central	618	4	18.28	(A) 620 18.28
West	281	22	25.45	(A) 282 25.45
U.S. total	3,947(B)	-12	26.44	9 3,956 26.44
To-date				
2006	161,175(B)			177 161,352
To-date				
2005	155,806(B)			144 155,950

(A) Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations.

(B) Number of young banded breeder turks included: this week 6,000; for the current year to date 856,000; for last year to date 841,000.

LIVE POULTRY SLTRD UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION (Preliminary)

W/E 09-SEP-2006	YOUNG CHICKENS	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS	DUCKS
-----THOUSANDS-----					
Head	154,603	876	1,242	2,118	535
Avg Wt	5.39	3.31	8.18	6.17	6.45
Last week	168,295	931	1,557	2,488	428
Same wk yr ago	150,712	1,035	1,042	2,077	502
Avg Wt	5.28	3.30	8.25	5.78	6.44
To-date/2006	5,800,211	39,594	53,247	92,841	18,079
To-date/2005	5,785,780	53,462	50,937	104,399	17,870

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 162.0 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period was 156.5 million head, or 5.5 million less than estimated available.

ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER

UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION FOR WEEK ENDING 16-Sep-06

	CW - 09/16/06(1)	PW - 09/09/06
-----THOUSAND HEAD-----		
CLASS		
Broiler/fryer	164,985(2)	150,870
Light hens	1,086	880
Heavy hens	1,516	1,248
Total	167,587	152,998

(1)ESTIMATED

(2)The estimated number of broiler-fryers available for slaughter the week ending 16-Sep-06 is 163.7 million head compared to 171.3 million head slaughtered the same week last year. The estimated U.S. slaughter this week is 165.3 million head or 1.6 million more than estimated available. For the week of 23-Sep-06 the estimated available is 164.6 million head.

ESTIMATED U.S. FRYER SLAUGHTER/**FRYER AVAILABILITY COMPARISON**

WEEK ENDING	MILLION HEAD SLAUGHTERED	MILLION HEAD AVAILABLE	PCT	AVG WT
August 5	164.1	163.8	100%	5.31
12	164.0	164.2	100%	5.24
19	162.6	164.3	99%	5.27
26	168.5	163.6	103%	5.30
September 2	170.3	162.6	105%	5.18
9	156.5	162.0	97%	5.39
Year to date	5870.6	5897.3	100%	
September 16		163.7		
23		164.6		

FINAL BROILER/FRYER Final report of prices negotiated for trucklot sales of ready-to-cook ice-packed broiler/fryers (includes branded product) to be delivered to first receivers at major market centers week of 11-SEP-2006 (cents per lb)

U.S. GRADE A			COMPOSITE		
	MAJ	WTD AVG	LDS	WTD AVG	LDS
Chicago	63.00-66.00	64.79	35 :	65.56	68
Los Angeles	78.00	76.78	67 :	75.26	128
New York	64.00-67.00	66.17	24 :	67.28	45

COMPOSITE WTD AVG PRICES FOR RTC BROILER/FRYERS

11-SEP-2006	Change from 04-SEP-2006	04-SEP-2006	12-SEP-2005
69.86	.54	69.32	74.20
NUMBER OF LOADS	531		

WHOLE YOUNG TURKEYS, FROZEN 1/, CONSUMER SIZES, COMMODITY PACK OR EQUIVALENT, US GRADE A, CENTS PER LB, DELIVERED (MINIMUM 10,000 LB LOTS)

CURRENT SHIPMENTS 2/	OFFERS	SALES	WTD AVG	LBS (000)
8-16 LB HENS				
EASTERN REGION 3/	83-84	83	83.00	20
CENTRAL REGION 4/	83-84	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	83-85	85	85.00	15

16-24 LB TOMS

EASTERN REGION	83-84.5	84.5	84.50	10
CENTRAL REGION	83-84	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION	83-85	85	85.00	15

1/ May include product stored at temperatures in range of 1 to 25 degrees F. 2/ Includes product priced for shipment within 14 days. 3/ Includes product with 3 percent broth basting. 4/ Includes product with 3-6 percent broth basting. 5/ Includes products with 6 percent broth basting.

COLD STORAGE HOLDINGS - Selected Centers (Incl. Gov't Stocks) (IN THOUSANDS)

	Frozen Eggs/LBS	Turkeys/LBS	Processed other Poultry/LBS
AM 09/10/06	3,166	105,311	69,074
AM 09/01/06	3,241	106,259	71,254
CHG	-75	-948	-2180
PCT CHG	-2%	-1%	-3%

HEN MARKETS**HEAVY TYPE**

(7 pounds and up)* Final price, cents per lb., Generally for slaughter the week of 11-SEP-06

REGIONS	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
Southeast (1)	2-7 CENTS/LB.	-	4.90
Southeast (2)	TFEWR		
South Central(1)	2-8 CENTS/LB.	-	5.00

(1) At Farm Buyer Loading (2) At Farm Producer Loading

*Weights under 7 lbs. subject to discount.

LIGHT TYPE

Cents per head, generally for removal within the next 10 days (includes handling, freight and any other charges, weights average about 3.50 pounds) 08-SEP-06

REMOVAL COST

REGIONS	RANGE	MAJORITY
Eastern	5-12	8-10
South Central	Too Few To Report	
North Central	4.5-11	5-10

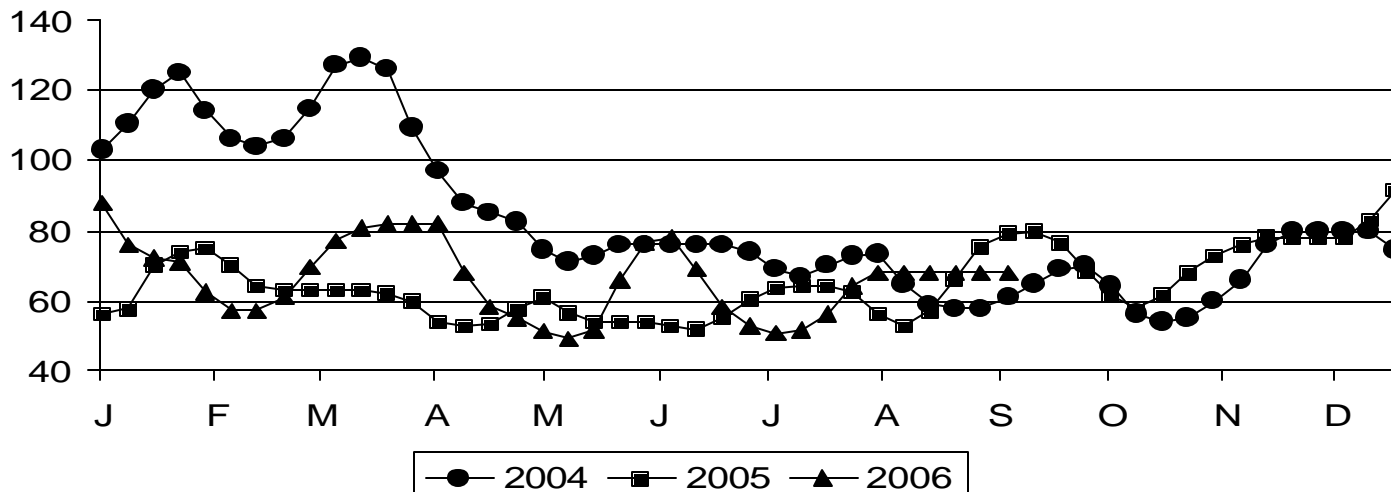
COMMERCIAL EGG MOVEMENT

(Receipts From Producers)

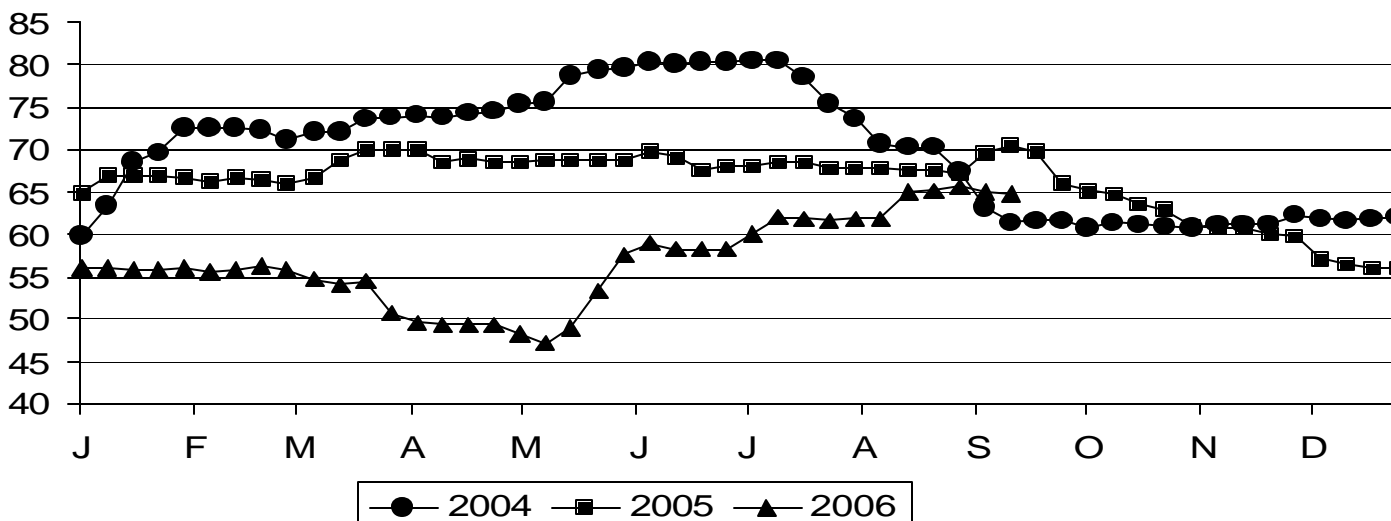
W/E 09-SEP-2006	CASES (IN THOUS)	PW	LY
REGIONS			
North Atlantic	204.0	-3	-6
East North Central	628.9	-1	7
West North Central	285.2	-1	-8
South Atlantic	198.1	3	5
South Central	57.8	4	1
West	197.7	1	-2
Total	1571.7	0	1
Matched Plants reporting		83	83

Areas Covered: North Atlantic (ME,VT,MA,RI,CT,NH,NY,PA,NJ,MD,DE)
East North Central (WI,IL,MI,OH,IN) West North Central (IA,MN,MO,KS,SD)
South Atlantic (SC,NC,VA,GA,FL,KY) South Central (TN,AL,AR,MS,OK)
West (CA,CO,WA,OR,UT)

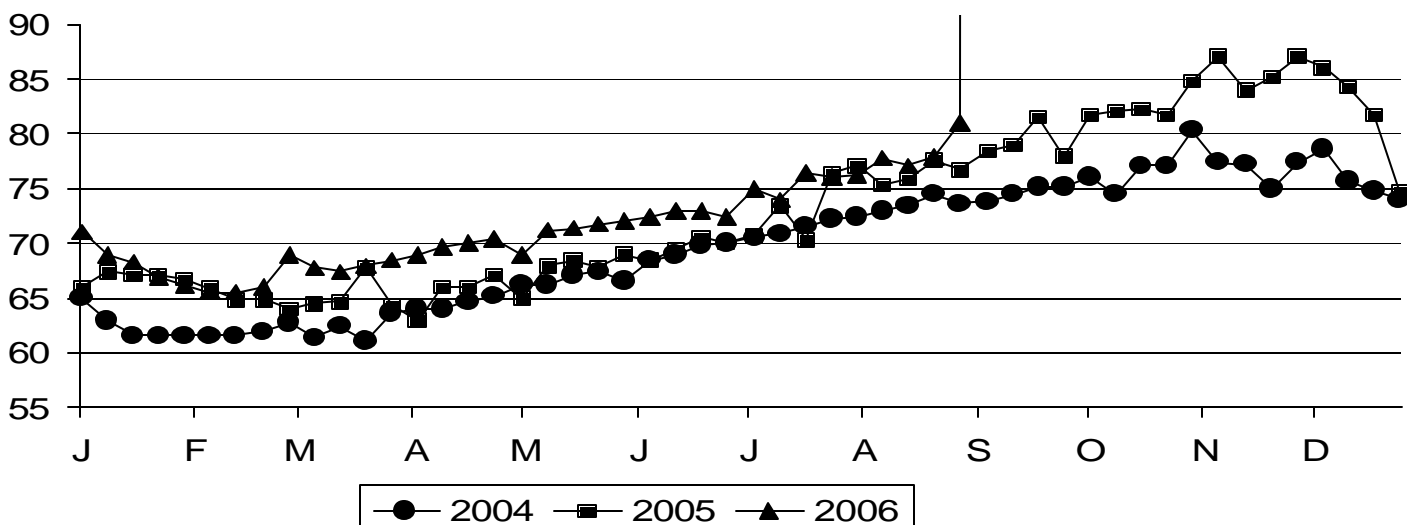
New York Large Weekly Average Price cents per dozen



Chicago Broiler/Fryer Weighted Average Prices cents per pound



Eastern Weekly Average Prices For 8-16 LB Hen Turkey cents per pound



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